

COMMUNITY NEWS

Local investors encouraged to wait during Wall Street woes

By Evan Young
Editor in Chief

As the financial world picks up the pieces from Monday's near-record stock market tumble, local financial and economic experts are encouraging individual investors in the community to do the one thing that doesn't exactly come to mind during a period of market uncertainty.

Monday proved to be one of the most devastating days

in stock market history. The New York Stock Exchange saw near-record stock price drops in the major markets, including Nasdaq and the Dow Jones industrial average.

The latter fell below 11,000 points, the lowest point drop since the first day of trading after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

The drops stemmed from news of a significant makeover of the U.S. financial system. Investment bank Lehman Bros. filed for the largest bankruptcy

in history, Bank of America moved forward with a \$50 billion buyout of bank Merrill Lynch and the Federal Reserve Board saved the world's largest insurance company, American Insurance Group (AIG), from bankruptcy by lending the ailing company \$85 billion.

All three companies are major players, and have immediate implications, on the NYSE floor. But in Maryville, residents shouldn't make any rash changes to their investment portfolios, said Shannon Moore,

certified trust financial adviser for Citizens' Bank and Trust.

Moore cited similar "crisis periods" that have struck the stock market over the past several years, including post-Sept. 11 trading and, most recently, the forced sale of global investment bank Bear Stearns to J.P. Morgan in May. In these examples and others, stock prices eventually rebounded, Moore said.

"As a result, making

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Black Monday: What happened?

- Investment bank **Lehman Bros.** filed for the largest bankruptcy in history.
- **Bank of America** bought out fellow banker **Merrill Lynch** for \$50 billion.
- **American Insurance Group (AIG)**, the world's largest insurer, found itself struggling to come up with cash. On Tuesday, the ailing company received a life-saving \$85 billion from the Federal Reserve Board.

(Note: In late-breaking news Wednesday afternoon, the Dow Jones industrial average dropped 449 points as investors reacted to the government's rescue of AIG.)

CAMPUS SAFETY

Driver in Monday incident needed

Campus Safety officers are looking for the driver of the red Ford truck that hit a pedestrian Monday morning in a campus parking lot.

Campus Safety Director Clarence Green said it was not a hit and run incident, the driver did stop. Authorities need information from the driver, Green said.

If anyone has information, they are asked to contact Campus Safety at 562-1254.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

Disaster response focus for new minor

By Lisa Houtchens
University News Editor

Northwest is offering a new minor next spring aimed to give students experimental learning opportunities.

Four departments on campus teamed up to create a minor for students interested in pursuing a career in crisis response, Geography Associate Professor Mark Corson said.

The minor consists of 27 credit hours in Comprehensive Crisis Response (CCR) including courses from the Psychology and Sociology and Counseling, Political Science, Geology and Geography and Mass Communication departments.

The core requirement courses for the new minor include Disaster Psychology, Crisis Communication, Principles of Public Administration, Introduction to Disaster Response and Recovery and Principles of Humanitarian Relief.

Three new classes were created for the minor: Introduction to Disaster Response and Recovery, Principles of Humanitarian Relief and Homeland Security and Defense. One bonus to the minor is that any instructor on campus is qualified to teach the classes.

Students in the minor are also required to participate in a special project, such as a weekend in Florida in a crisis scenario, simulating civil unrest and earthquakes or spending two weeks in Macedonia in a much larger scenario.

While creating the course schedule, the departments worked out specific classes that would benefit any major.

Although CCR is not in the 2008-2009 course catalogue, three students have already declared it as their minor.

Junior Chaz Johnson, psychology major is considering signing up for the CCR minor, but has not yet made a decision.

Johnson knows the CCR minor is beneficial to a career after graduation.

"I think the new minor will benefit students because FEMA looks for a specialty in disaster training," Johnson said.

Matt Johnson, history, humanities, philosophy and political science instructor, will teach the first two classes offered this spring, Introduction to Disaster Response and Recovery and he will also teach Principles of Humanitarian Relief.

"As far as students are concerned, it will make them more attractive in the job market," Matt said. "Any business or school could see a value in the minor."

Other schools in the nation offer majors and minors similar to Northwest's, but one difference is noticeable. Other schools are heavy on bio-terrorism or practical knowledge. Northwest offers a balance between practical and theoretical knowledge, where as other schools focus on techniques or practice, Matt said.

HOMECOMING 2008

'ALWAYS A BEARCAT'



photo by matt terwilliger | chief photographer

RETIRED BEARCAT IRMA Merrick was named grand marshal for the 2008 Northwest Homecoming celebration. As grand marshal, Merrick will judge the Variety Show, appear at the Alumni Welcome, lead the parade and attend the football game.

Local celebrity comes out of retirement to lead parade

By Lisa Houtchens
University News Editor

After giving 20 years to the University, Northwest is returning the favor.

This year Irma Merrick will lead the 2008-2009 "Lights! Camera! Bearcats!" Homecoming celebration as the grand marshal Oct. 16-18.

Merrick graduated from Northwest, taught at Northwest as a physical education teacher and worked in J.W. Jones Student Union

for Aramark.

Merrick worked at Northwest from 1987 for Aramark Food Services as a Campus Dining Cashier, originally a short term offer, but stayed until May 2008.

Merrick, along with eight others, was nominated through a new selection process. The process was approved by a new homecoming committee, Campus Community Relations. The overall homecoming executives, along with the campus activities director and faculty and

staff chose Merrick as the Grand Marshal.

Merrick was surprised and honored to find out she had been elected as the grand marshal for the University.

"I was dumbfounded. I really had no idea," Merrick said. "I am not proud that they did it, I just appreciate the honor."

As Northwest honors Merrick, her family plans to attend the football game and the parade on Saturday. She also plans to take her two

great-grandchildren, McKenna and Caden, along for the parade route.

"All the applicants were amazing," Overall Homecoming Secretary Wesley Miller said. "We just thought Irma would be an amazing Grand Marshal with her dedication to Northwest."

One nomination Merrick received was from the secretary Claudia Beacom in the President's Office.

In the past, the Alumni House was the main part of the grand

marshal selection process. But this year, the goal was to make the grand marshal a bigger part of the homecoming experience, Miller said.

As grand marshal, Merrick will make her debut appearance Thursday, Oct. 16 at the Variety Show as a judge. Friday, Oct. 17 she will attend the Alumni Welcome and Saturday will lead the parade and go to the football game.

"They always say, once a Bearcat, always a Bearcat," Merrick said. "And that is very true."

RELAY FOR LIFE

Fundraiser sets up race for cancer research

By Katie Luers
Chief Reporter

A Northwest student stumbled on a cause close to himself when he went to Hy-Vee for a job application.

Junior Joe McDevitt joined the hot dog-eating contest when he realized it was for the Relay for Life.

His uncle died two weeks ago at age 65 after fighting liver cancer for two years. It was a shock because out of his eight siblings, he was the healthiest, McDevitt said.

His uncle had even broken the Missouri 5k record for his age group two years ago, he said.

McDevitt didn't join the contest to win, but to raise money for the cause.

"I don't even like hot dogs," McDevitt said.

Nine participants competed to win the Hy-Vee hot dog-eating contest to support Relay for Life last Friday.

Relay for Life is sponsored by the American Cancer Society to raise

money for cancer research.

Hy-Vee employees began hosting the contest last year to support Relay for Life. When the event committee decided on a fundraiser, they realized they could do their own hot dog-eating contest, committee chair and team captain Brent Chappelow said.

Co-committee chair and team captain Brittany Kerckhoff likes the contest and the turn out.

"It's a good way to raise money for the relay," Kerckhoff said.

There are six members on the Hy-Vee team who walk in the relay, Chappelow said.

Both team captains were present at the event along with several other Hy-Vee employees helping with the fundraiser.

In the competition participants had to eat both the hot dog and the bun. The person who ate the most within 12 minutes won.

Northwest junior Ray Russell came prepared with a strategy.

"Dunk the bread in the water, and chew a lot," Russell said.

The strategy worked. Russell won by finishing 11 hot dogs.

Philip Williams had a high goal for the competition, hoping to eat 20 hot dogs. Northwest student Jesse McClintock also thought he could eat 20 hot dogs.

He heard about the contest the night before and it sounded interesting, McClintock said.

The hot dogs proved a challenge.

Williams tied for fourth by eating seven hot dogs. McClintock finished second with nine hot dogs.

"They were bigger than I thought they would be," McClintock said.

Other contestants were: third place Sean Householder, fourth place Jeff Ritchie and Joe McDevitt, fifth place Logan Campbell and Jimmy Lindsay and sixth place Natasha Nichols.

Rachel Wake, 9, participated as the only youth entry.

The contest raised around \$90 for the Relay for Life.

"It was definitely successful," Kerckhoff said.



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THE WINNER OF the Relay for Life Hot Dog Eating Contest Friday at Hy-Vee, Northwest junior Ray Russell, won with 11 hot dogs. The contest raised about \$90 for the Relay for Life.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Club hosts 'Dog Days' for second year next week

Northwest Advocates for Animal Awareness is holding "Dog Days in September."

A meet and greet with a K-9 trainer will be 12 to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Bell Tower.

The group is holding another event 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25 at the Bell Tower for K-9 services.

Free microchips will be offered to the first 20 dogs.

For more information e-mail nvaal07@nwmissouri.edu.

BRUSH gets to work this weekend in community

Beautifying Residences Using Student Help (BRUSH) will be held 8 to 11:30 a.m. and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday.

The organization helps to refurbish homes in the Maryville community.

Anyone interested in participating in BRUSH can contact the Office of Volunteer Programs and Service Learning at 562-1954.

Barbecue promotes safe driving habits

A barbecue for Drive Safe Drive Smart will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Bell Tower.

Information on safe driving habits will be passed out. The event is sponsored by Campus Safety, the Wellness Center and Peer Education.

Job search site launched

Career Services is launching a new program today.

"Here a Bearcat," a Web-based job search, is designed to serve students, alumni and employers.

The program is part of NACLink, a recruiting network and suite of recruiting and career services tools.

Students can manage on-campus interview and job and internship searches electronically. The students can use the system to search for jobs and internships, save resumes and other job-search documents, sign up for on-campus interviews and track job searches.

FAMILY WEEKEND

Family honored for strong Northwest ties

By Katie Luers
Chief Reporter

Four generations of Northwest students helped a family stand out in this year's Family of the Year award.

The Ackley family of Meadville, Mo. continued their strong Northwest tradition by winning the Family of the Year award.

Northwest sophomore Kristin Ackley didn't know about the award until she found the application online.

"I wanted to do something to honor my family," Ackley said.

Ackley applied for her family because she wanted the University to recognize her family's ties to the school.

Ackley's family attended Northwest back four generations on her father's side. On her mother's side, the Northwest tradition goes back three generations.

Ackley is attending the University to receive a degree in education. More specifically, she wants to become an elementary school teacher.

"I want to teach the second or third grade," Ackley said. "Something in an elementary school, in

a rural school."

She is majoring in elementary education with a minor in family life and resource management.

"The price of the tuition, the location and the rural setting, that's what I like the most about Northwest," Ackley said.

Some of her experiences have been better friendships and all the education program opportunities, she said.

"I like working with Horace Mann (Laboratory School), being able to actually work with the kids on campus," she said.

Ackley is the president-elect of Student Missouri State Teacher's Association and is also involved in Kind Individuals Dedicated to Students.

Family history is one of the things looked for in a family of the year recipient.

A strong connection to the University, good values, dedication to education are all factors of determining the winner, Assistant Director of Admissions Jeremy Waldeier said.

"The Family of the Year Award is an award we present to a family that represents the values of

the University," Waldeier said.

Different groups are involved in deciding the family of the year including the Campus Activities Office, the Alumni House, the Admissions Office and Aramark.

The process begins with nominations and applications. Once the applications are received, it is a two-hour process to determine the winner, he said.

The Family of the Year student receives a \$750 scholarship from Aramark, donations from businesses including the bookstore, football tickets, University jackets and a plaque of their award.

Ackley's great grandmother Althea Larson, great Aunt Marilyn



photo by Seth Cook / Chief Photographer

NORTHWEST PRESIDENT DEAN Hubbard and Campus Dining Director Barry Beacom congratulate the Ackley family of Meadville, Mo., the University's "Family of the Year." Sophomore Kristin Ackley nominated her family for the award.

Free, grandfather Kenneth Ackley, grandmother Myla Ackley and father Kenneth Ackley attended the University on her mother's side.

"It's an honor since my family had so many generations of Northwest students go here," Ackley said.

Grandfather Marvin Garrett, grandmother Nita Garrett, uncles Randy and Michael Garrett, aunt

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Speaker looks to end stigma

Katie Luers
Chief Reporter

A full theater greeted an unexpected speaker Monday night when John Kevin Hines cancelled due to a mental health emergency Monday morning.

Colleen Coffey quickly agreed to come in his place and spoke about the same essential topic.

She enjoys speaking with college students because she feels camaraderie with the young adult population, Coffey said.

"I'm so tickled by college students," Coffey said.

Both speakers are a member of the group The Heard. The Heard focuses on awareness of mental health issues in addition to mental health disorders.

The group's focus is to erase the stigmas in society about mental health issues.

The presentation Monday night touched on Coffey's struggles with mental health issues and how she dealt with them. She is diagnosed with anxiety, depression and anorexia nervosa bulimia.

"I can never remember feeling normal about food," Coffey said.

In high school, she was hospitalized for 33 days and her struggles continued through college, Coffey said.

Because of her support system and help from medication and therapy, she is able to control her disorders, Coffey said.

Coffey took her experiences and now uses them to help the Heard erase that stigma.

"They are trying to 'normalize' mental health issues, she said.

With the Heard, Coffey has had amazing experiences all over the country, she said. She loves working with people, trying to help individuals speak out about their problems.

There are four main points that Coffey stresses about mental health.

"One: mental health is for everyone," she said. "Two: talking about emotions is a sign of strength. Three: mental health issues are real, relevant, and treatable. Four: seek help."

During her speeches, Coffey receives a lot of laughter and there is a lot of shock in the crowd, she said. But she does not remember receiving a negative reaction from a student.

Northwest was able to bring Coffey to the University because of a grant called the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration grant, Wellness Director Beau Dooley said.

The SAMHSA grant is a three-year grant that helps universities support a suicide prevention program. The grant Northwest received is worth \$92,722.

Through Northwest's program, the University brings speakers to inform the college community about suicide prevention and other issues, Dooley said.

Northwest is helping to "destigmatize" mental health issues, Dooley said. The University does this by putting out brochures and spreading the word to students in the Maryville community who do not live on campus.

COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

County voter registration ends Wednesday, Oct. 8

Registration for the Nov. 4 election is coming to a close. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, Oct. 8.

Residents interested in voting should contact the Nodaway County Clerk's office at the courthouse. Proper identification is needed to register to vote.

Anyone with questions should contact 582-2251.

Main Street block reopens

Residents traveling south on Main Street may notice a change in the construction detour.

Construction crews reopened a block of street from First to Jenkins streets.

Jack's Nitch and Mr. Goodcents Subs and Pasta no longer see orange construction cones and tape in front of their businesses.

For more information about the Main Street project, contact City Hall at 562-8001.

Nominations accepted until end of the month

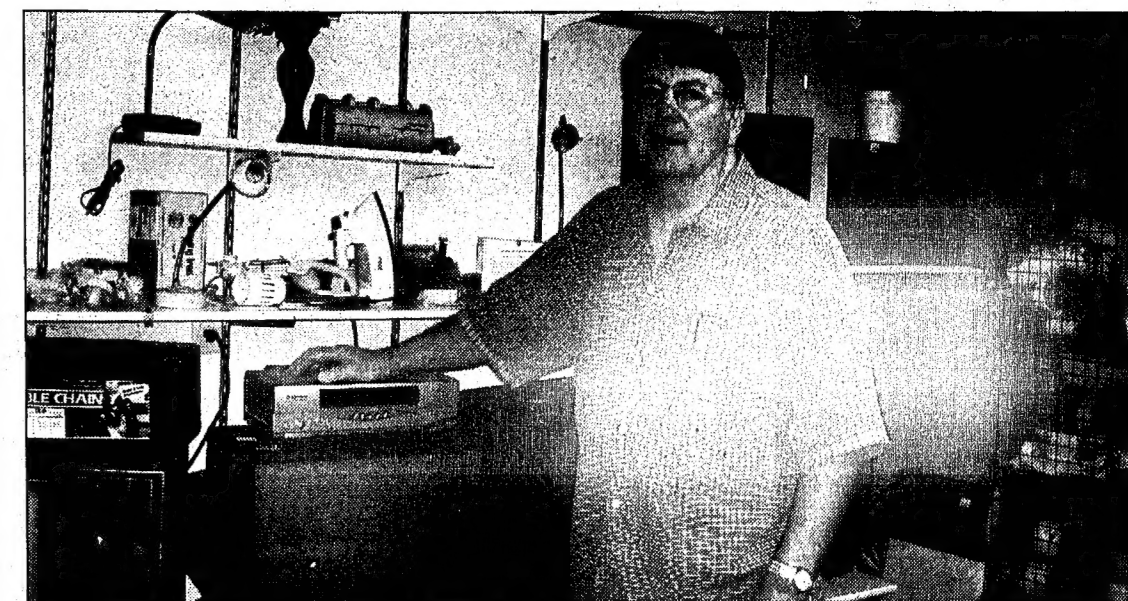
Oct. 1 is the deadline for nominations for the Nodaway County Agriculture Hall of Fame.

The 2008 inductee will be honored at the Nov. 10 Farm/City Banquet.

Candidates must have been born in Nodaway County or have spent a significant part of their lives as residents of the county. They also must have a direct relationship to agricultural progress in the county. Areas that make a person eligible for consideration would be livestock improvement, crop improvement, soil and water conservation, education, government, farm organizations (general or commodity oriented), marketing and providing services.

The annual award is sponsored by the Maryville Chamber of Commerce and the Nodaway County University of Missouri Extension Council.

MARYVILLE BUSINESS



RICHARD HALLENBERG, OWNER of a number of Maryville businesses, including the Thrift Shop, works for Nocomo Industries, Inc., which provides jobs for people with disabilities.

Store owner enjoys 'rewarding' work

By Shane Sherwood
Senior Reporter

He started off as a landscaper. Now he runs Thrift Stores.

Richard Hallenberg graduated with a degree in business industrial technology. He then became interested in sheltered workshops, or businesses made to help people with disabilities and has worked with them ever since.

Hallenberg has managed the Thrift Shop in Maryville since it opened in June 2004.

Hallenberg also manages Castaways New and Gently Used Clothing and a new Two Dollar Bills Variety Store, which are also in Maryville, along with the Thrift Shop. All three businesses are located at the square right next to each other.

Castaways opened in 2007, and Two Dollar Bills Variety Store opened this past summer.

"There has never been a thrift store since I have lived here," Hallenberg said. "We decided opening a thrift store in Maryville would create new ways to generate revenue and to provide work for disabled people in Maryville."

"I got into sheltered workshop work part-time because a landscape business is only seasonal," Hallenberg said. "Now it is my primary occupation. Working with sheltered workshops was one of those transitional careers."

Natasha Cooley of Maitland, Mo. often shops at the Thrift Shop.

"The thrift store is something that all towns need," Cooley said. "It provides cheap merchandise for low income families."

Cooley is a single mother of three, and she saves money by shopping at Castaways for her children's clothing.

Castaways offers many new clothes at cheap prices, Cooley said.

"I'm glad Maryville finally has a thrift store for clothes," Cooley said.

Hallenberg works for Nocomo Industries, Inc., which provides people with disabilities with jobs. It has been in business since 1972.

Nocomo, Inc. also works on packaging and building pallets for businesses in town and in Iowa, Hallenberg said.

The business also recycles cardboard and high-grade paper from other local businesses.

All items donated to the stores are cleaned and screened to make sure they are clean and resellable.

Donations are accepted at the workshop center on Newton Street, and workers clean, package and price items for the Thrift Shop and Castaways, Hallenberg said.

Everything in Two Dollar Bills Variety Store is new items.

For people wanting to get into this type of work, Hallenberg said it is very rewarding.

"It can be intense work at times," Hallenberg said. "If your goal is to get rich, then this is not the job for you, but if your goal is to help people, then it is rewarding in that way."

PUBLIC SAFETY

Friend pays tribute to crash victim

By Lindsay Jacobs
Copy Editor

Stevie Phillips and Linsey Nelson were more than just best friends.

"She became part of the family. She wasn't a friend - she was my sister," Phillips said.

They had known each other for 12 years, and in that time they danced, watched professional bull riding, drove around and walked through Wal-Mart together.

Nelson, 19, of Belton, Mo. was driving up to spend Northwest's Family Weekend with Phillips when she got lost on Highway 71, late Friday afternoon.

According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol crash report, Nelson failed to stop at a stop sign two miles north of Maryville. Her vehicle traveled into the path of a vehicle driven by Larry Logsdon, 65, of Maryville.

The impact caused Nelson's car to spin and hit a vehicle driven by Brad Adwell, 37, of Maryville.

Nelson was pronounced dead at the scene.

Logsdon was ejected from his vehicle and transported to St. Francis Hospital in Maryville and was listed in serious condition. As of Tuesday afternoon, Logsdon was listed in good condition, Community Relations Director Rita Miller said.

According to the accident report, Nelson and Adwell were wearing seatbelts at the time of the accident and Logsdon was not.

No summons were issued in this accident, according to the report.

Nelson's vehicle was totaled, Logsdon's vehicle received extensive damage and there was moderate damage to Adwell's vehicle.

Nelson was attending Longview Community College, and planned to transfer to Northwest next fall to major in physical therapy or education.

ELECTION 2008

White stresses responsibility

By Chris Lee
Community News Editor

Nodaway County Sheriff candidate Darren White sums up his candidacy in one word. Responsibility.

White said he plans on focusing the direction of the Sheriff's Office to serving the people of Nodaway County. Making the department a full time job is one of his goals.

"We must have protection all day, every day," White said.

Making a change in personnel so there is more coverage during the times that are now neglected is a goal of White's. Making a visible presence of law enforcement and a message criminals are not welcome in Nodaway County is another goal.

White wants to gain the respect and cooperation of the citizens of Nodaway County.

Information on Nodaway County Sheriff candidate Ben Espey will appear in next week's issue.

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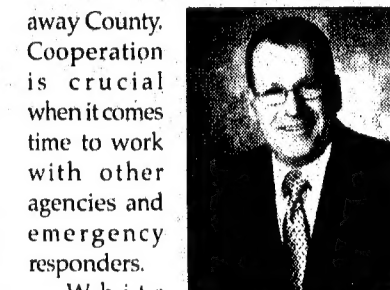
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Darren White

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OUR VIEW

Candidate's campaign limits energy plan to only two options

Missouri's Republican gubernatorial candidate recently unveiled a new energy plan with implications for northwest Missouri, while wind farming offers a second option for the area, with other options largely ignored.

Kenny Hulshof, Representative of the Missouri Ninth District recommends "We... look to the Midwest instead of the Middle East when it comes to addressing our nation's energy needs."

Yes, he's talking about oil. It may surprise you to learn Missouri sits on an oil field. Western and northwestern Missouri are the prime locations, although only recently has the project become financially feasible. Retrieving this particular kind of oil requires a special heating process, making the profit margin low enough to discourage any prospectors. Recent price hikes have made these fields more enticing.

Hulshof touts this as a way to alleviate dependence on foreign oil and stimulate the state's economy. Several groups disagree, including environmental groups and Hulshof's opponent in the November elections, Attorney General Jay Nixon.

This debate arrives amidst the announcement of a proposal for more wind farming in northwest Missouri. Wind Capital Group presented to the Board of Regents its plan to build 50.2-megawatt or 66 1.5-megawatt turbines, two of which might be located on the edge of campus, with potential output to power 20,000 to 30,000 households.

The idea that oil companies are even considering drilling in Missouri only further demonstrates America's desperate need for more energy sources. Hulshof seems to suggest nothing could be wrong with being dependent on domestic oil. As long as we stamp "Made in the U.S.A." on it, nobody objects.

Hulshof's campaign insists it does support renewable energy. His campaign Web site's energy policy page contains nothing to suggest this. But hey, a candidate shouldn't be required to spell out his or her policies. Until he says otherwise, let's just assume he's for "all of the above," as his campaign spokesman categorized Hulshof's views on alternative energy.

What about lifestyle changes? How can somebody run for governor, a position supposedly in a place to influence change for average Americans, while staying mute on points like walking and biking more, or deciding not to fill up your Hummer for the fourth time today?

The landscape of America has changed, for better or worse. We have to accept the fact that American car culture may have to shift to public transportation, walking, biking or car-pooling culture, even though certain politicians want to boil our choice down to either more windmills or more oil drills.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Virtually all the communities in northwest Missouri want the same things.

They want their roads kept up, they want their schools to be funded and they want county government to be strong. But there's one more thing they want: investment.

All our towns want some form of economic development because that helps to assure that the three major priorities of schools, counties and roads are met. There is some help with economic development available, but it offers only part of what is needed.

What we really need is a change of attitude; Missouri needs to make rural communities a priority instead of an afterthought.

Electing people who are more loyal to narrow special interests or political bosses hasn't been working out.

If we're really honest with ourselves about issues and priorities, then we must admit that over the last few years, nothing much has changed. We're still waiting for the things we really need.

We need to get more tax credits for local entrepreneurs and enterprises that will benefit communities and small local businesses instead of out-state corporations. That could beef up revenue and create new jobs.

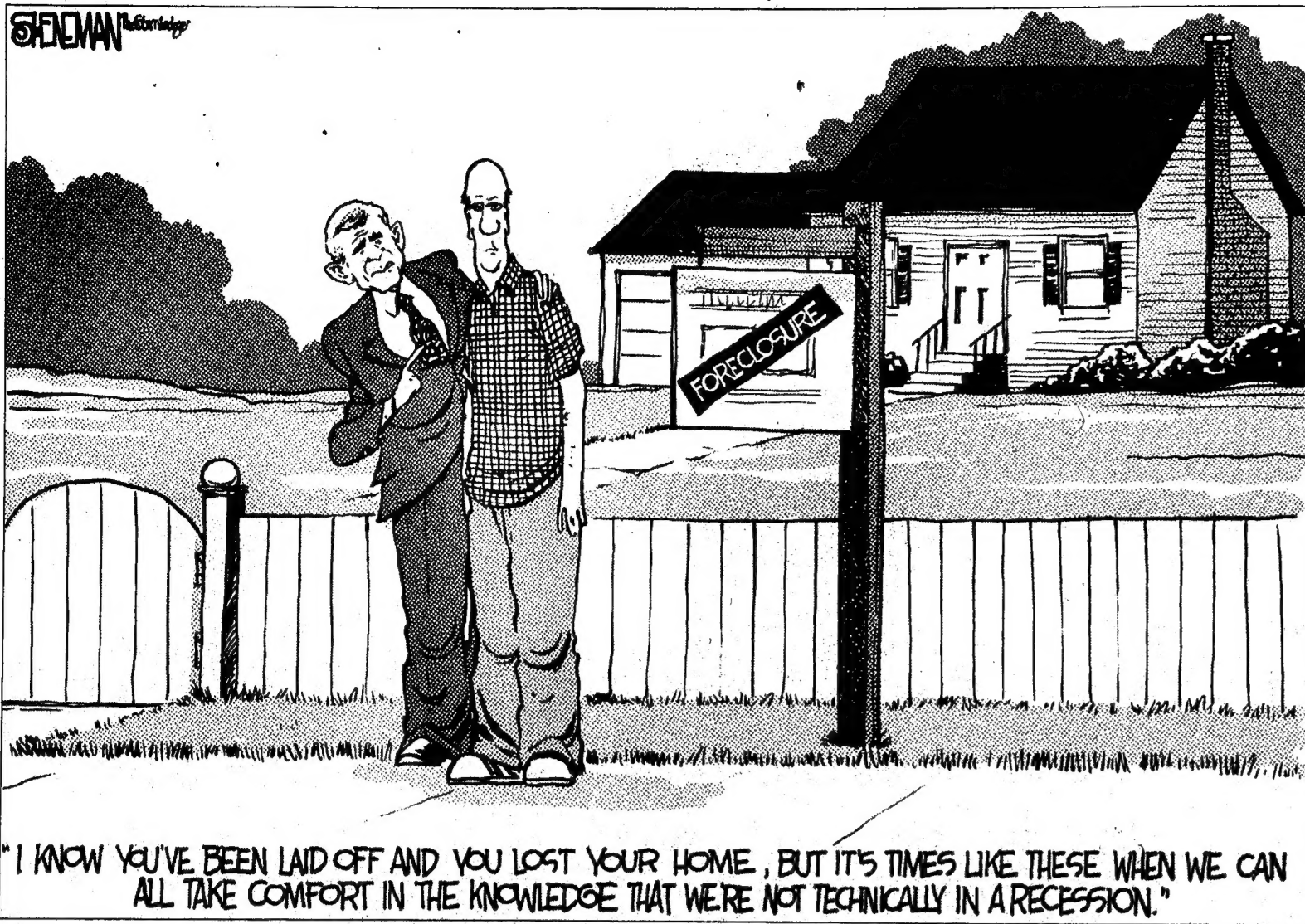
Maybe the best way to do that is for rural legislators to band together in a "redneck caucus" that goes beyond any political party to a central purpose; to limit the power of big urban and corporate interests. That's exactly what has happened in western Colorado where leaders and county governments ignore politics as usual to focus on the bigger picture for their own good and the good of their people. It works.

The alternative is to keep electing the same people who cut the same pie into the same old pieces, year after year.

It's time for a change.

Rick Oswald
Langdon, Mo.

OPINION



MY VIEW

Experience matters when both candidates promise change

Following George W. Bush, who only had six years of experience as the governor of Texas prior to his presidency, American voters need to choose a qualified candidate.

The level of experience required to run the United States effectively is debatable. The current stage of indecision among voters has the nation scrambling to locate an answer to the question "Which candidate will better serve this country?"

There are two main issues on the voters' minds: "When will gas prices be under control?" and "When will the war end?" Getting the United States out of war and becoming independent from foreign oil are goals on which both presidential candidates agree.

What stirs the crowd is trying to decide how much prior experience the future president of the

United States needs to accomplish both tasks while maintaining the standards of the other pressing issues.

McCain's campaign says Republican candidate has the required amount of experience to lead the nation out of war. At the Republican National Convention, McCain once again told his tale of his participation and sacrifice in the Vietnam War, perhaps not the smartest strategy on McCain's end.

Voters seemed turned off by the constant reminders of how great a sacrifice McCain made for the United States. His time in the Vietnam War is respected as well as appreciated, but

the persistency of broadcasting his accomplishments could cost him the opportunity to serve his country as president.

Time served in the war is not the only contributing factor to McCain's experience. McCain also served in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as the U.S. Senate.

Obama's campaign emphasizes the Democratic candidate's experience in the Illinois state and U.S. Senate. Referring to McCain's persistent tactic to make sure every home in America knew he was a prisoner of war, Obama claimed "we all put our country first," during his speech at the Democratic National Convention.

Obama aims to gain voters' trust by ensuring them he has the same level of patriotism as McCain despite never having served in the military.

Despite the difference between Obama and McCain's amount of experience, Obama promises change. America is looking for a transformation from Bush's demise. McCain surely has enough experience in military strategy, which could be what America needs to ease tensions in the Middle East. Obama has pull with voters because he is different, which is what America wants.

Voters have to decide which change is best. Accounting for both candidates' ability to run the United States as well as their personal beliefs is the only surefire method to determine the best leader for our country.



Darleen Denno
Contributing Columnist

MY VIEW

Hope still remains for ailing Afghanistan

"Afghanistan is once again on the brink," House Foreign Affairs Committee chairman, Tom Lantos.

The Taliban have regrouped, hitting the hardest, and inflicting the most casualties since the beginning of the United States' involvement in Afghanistan in 2001 as response to the Sept. 11 attacks.

There are too few troops on the ground, and our NATO allies are mostly unwilling to send their troops to the places needed the most, dealing mainly with the reconstruction aspect of the war, leaving the brunt of burden to the United States.

Security is as at an all-time low. Civilian deaths have risen a great deal. The belief that since the international community's involvement, things are improving for the general population's interests of Afghanistan is decreasing as well. It is even being argued by some that security was far better for the ordinary Afghan under the Taliban than today.

There is little being offered for

the people of Afghanistan in regards to a better way of life — employment, education, health care and safety.

Poppy fields, the main source of the Taliban's income, as well as the main source of the world's illegal opium supply (more than 90 percent), are rising exponentially. One hundred percent of the farmers in the southern portion of Afghanistan pay a tax-for poppy production to the Taliban and 70 percent of farmers in the western region do the same. This is also a main source of corruption in the country's government. There is no sign indicating that cultivation will be decreasing.

NATO and the United States have to make a commitment that is, in nature, long term. I think we are

moving in that direction, and rightly so, although a little too slow for my tastes.

President George W. Bush has made the commitment to decrease the amount of troops in Iraq, as the state becomes more stable and increase troop levels into Afghanistan in January. Although I don't believe he is committing the number of troops necessary, it is a start.

First and foremost, a greater level of security is needed. Without ample amount of security, the reconstruction process is most definitely impeded. Without enough security, the amount of economic aid is wasted. And once enough security is added, that's when the international community should increase the amount of economic aid given to Afghanistan.

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Kathleen Wilmes
Contributing Columnist

CAMPUS TALK

What do you think of the new Facebook?



"In the words of Gandhi, 'If it ain't broke don't fix it.'"

Nathan Goldstein
Physical Education



"I like Facebook either way because I don't use enough to care how it is setup."

Daniel Sampoliner
Missouri Academy



"I haven't used it yet, but what I have heard is about people not liking it."

Kristin Mangelsen
Marketing/Management



"I don't mind the new Facebook. I think that I will eventually get used to the new format."

Jessi Harris
Marketing/Management



"Haven't used the new Facebook much but hopefully I will get used to it."

Niki Skutnik
Marketing/Management

PUBLIC SAFETY

Sept. 5	Austin J. Ballou, 21, Maryville, driving while suspended, failure to obey posted stop sign, failure to maintain financial responsibility, 1200 block of Fox	Burglary, ongoing investigation, 400 block of N. Main	- failure to appear, 200 block of E. Third
Sept. 8	Recovered property, bicycle, 700 block of Franklin Place	Sept. 13	Lost/stolen property, ongoing investigation, 100 block of E. Grant
Sept. 9	Recovered property, bicycle, 1000 block of N. Country Club	Sept. 14	Property damage, ongoing investigation, 25000 block of Liberty
Shannon E. Pankau, 19, St. Joseph, Mo., minor in possession, 800 block of N. Walnut	Brian A. Roberts, 18, Maryville, wanted on warrant - failure to appear, 400 block of N. Market	Sept. 15	Property damage, ongoing investigation, 200 block of S. Mulberry
Christopher R. Fuller, 18, Maryville, minor in possession, 300 block of N. Mulberry	Property damage, ongoing investigation, 300 block of E. Halsey	Sept. 16	Disorderly conduct, ongoing investigation, 300 block of S. Fillmore
Andrew S. Frazier, 19, Maryville, permitting a peace disturbance, 300 block of W. Seventh	Larceny, ongoing investigation, 200 block of W. Fifth	Sept. 17	Larceny from a motor vehicle, ongoing investigation, 200 block of W. Jenkins
Justin M. Loper, 19, Maryville, minor in possession, 300 block of W. Seventh	Sept. 18	Sept. 18	Larceny from a motor vehicle, ongoing investigation, 100 block of S. Mulberry
Patrick D. Winkler, 20, Maryville, minor in possession, failure to comply, 300 block of W. Seventh	Christopher J. Baughman, 18, Maryville, leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident, minor in possession, 900 block of College	Sept. 19	Property damage, ongoing investigation, 600 block of N. Fillmore
Identity theft, ongoing investigation, 200 block of E. Third	Donald R. Rival III, 23, Maryville, code violation - open burning, 2600 block of S. Main	Sept. 20	Property damage, ongoing investigation, 600 block of N. Fillmore
Sept. 7	Christina A. Combs, 20, Denver, Mo., larceny under \$500, 1600 block of S. Main	Sept. 21	Property damage, ongoing investigation, 600 block of N. Fillmore
Lindsay N. Schreck, 19, Brittney N. Damgar, 19, Kael W. Martin, 20, Alicia D. Porter, 20, Tanner J. Archer, 18, Malcolm D. Swinford, 19, Maryville, minor in possession, 500 block of Prather	Sept. 12	Sept. 22	Property damage, ongoing investigation, 600 block of N. Fillmore
Parker B. Job, 18, Maryville, minor in possession, providing false information to a public safety officer, 500 block of Prather	Brandi L. Thorne, 19, Trenton, Mo., minor in possession, 300 block of N. Market	Sept. 23	Property damage, ongoing investigation, 600 block of N. Fillmore
Kyle C. Weber, 21, Maryville, careless and imprudent driving, 700 block of Prather	Byronita K. L. Lutman, 19, Maryville, minor in possession, 300 block of N. Market	Sept. 24	Property damage, ongoing investigation, 600 block of N. Fillmore
John M. Jenkins, 19, Maryville, minor in possession, 600 block of N. Davis	Keelan E. Green, 21, Maryville, supplying alcohol to a minor, 300 block of N. Market	Sept. 25	Property damage, ongoing investigation, 600 block of N. Fillmore
	Smoke investigation, 800 block of E. Edwards	Sept. 26	Property damage, ongoing investigation, 600 block of N. Fillmore
	Jerome L. Carney, 17, St. Joseph, Mo., wanted on warrant	Sept. 27	Property damage, ongoing investigation, 600 block of N. Fillmore

ACCIDENTS

Sept. 11	Michael D. Shippis, 53, Maryville, collided with Jonathan W. Scarbrough, 37, Maryville, at the intersection of South Munn and Highland.
Sept. 12	Joshua M. Linderman, 22, Maryville, collided with Corie D. Womeldorff, 26, Fairfax, Mo., at the intersection of West Seventh and North Buchanan.

WALL STREET: Experts predict market rebound

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dramatic shifts during periods of crisis should often be reserved for only extreme situations," she said.

An "extreme situation" would occur if someone mistakenly got involved in the stock market for short-term (one to five-year) savings goals, such as getting money for a new car or to pay off college loans, Moore said. The stock market is meant for individuals with long-term investment goals, such as retirement funds. Short-term financial goals are best achieved by purchasing less risky certificates of deposit (CDs) or money market accounts, she said.

"The costs associated with the

purchase of stocks and mutual funds, and the market fluctuations associated with such purchases, can make them inappropriate for short-term needs," Moore said.

During times of financial crises, the best route for long-term investors to take is to reevaluate their original goals and decide if their portfolios reflect an appropriate distribution of investments over stocks, bonds and other investment methods, Moore said.

"Quite frankly, I've done very little with my portfolios. Financial crises are unsettling in the short-term, but they do not last, especially for portfolios that have long-term goals of five or more years," he said.

that may warrant a change in the current investment strategy," she said. "If we find there are none, the majority of clients find that staying the course is appropriate."

Jason White, associate professor in Northwest's Accounting, Economics and Finance Department, expressed a similar view. Along with managing his own investments, White serves on the Northwest Foundation's board and manages the group's portfolio.

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OBITUARIES

Dorothy A. (Meyer) Spire, 92, of Maryville, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2008 at the home of her daughter in St. Joseph, Mo., surrounded by family and caretaker Flora Stump.

Dorothy was born Nov. 14, 1915 in Conception, Mo. She married Orville Spire on April 10, 1939 who preceded her in death on April 8, 2004.

She was a lifelong resident of rural Maryville and a member of St. Gregory's Catholic Church, Maryville. She was preceded in death by her parents Lawrence and Anna Meyer, infant sister Mildred, twin sister Margaret Gast, and son-in-law Mike Sweet.

Survivors include her three children: Edwin and wife Nancy, Webster City, Iowa; Lavina and husband Dr. Don Forgue, Kansas City and LaVera Spire-Sweet, St. Joseph, Mo.; grandchildren Anna and Brent Lannin, Lincoln, Neb.; Bruce Spire, Ames, Iowa; Amy and Blanka Jaschke, Polk City, Iowa; Laura Spire, Des Moines, Iowa; TJ and Travis Spire-Sweet, Kansas City; and Travis Spire-Sweet, Denver, Colo.; great-grandchildren Lauren and Lincoln Jaschke, Sophia and Rachel Lannin.

Dorothy was buried at St. Mary's Cemetery, Maryville.

James L. "Jimmy" Young, 47, of Conception, Mo., died Wednesday,

Sept. 10, 2008 in an automobile accident on U.S. 136, south of Ravenwood, Mo.

He was born Nov. 26, 1960 in Topeka, Kan., the son of James Albert and Shirley Sue (Culver) Young. He had received his High School diploma in Topeka.

Jimmy served in the U.S. Army and worked for Federal Mogul in Maryville.

He assisted the Leader of the Boy Scout Troop in Conception and he was a member of the Tri-C American Legion Post 464, Conception Junction.

He was preceded in death by his father, James A. Young in 1998.

Survivors include his wife, Ladonna Jean, of their home; children, Joshua Kyle Young, Maryville; Rose Christine Young, Springdale, Ark. and Jacob Isaac Young, Conception; his Mother, Shirley, Young, Porterville, Calif.; sisters and brothers, Violet Sienni, Chanute, Kan.; Joy Gibson, Westphalia, Kan.; Chris Wallace, St. Joseph, Mo.; Charles Young, Topeka, Kan.; Margaret Pike, Westville, Okla.; Tammy Lawson, Altoona, Kan.; Esther Kay Collins, Cherryville, Kan. and Shirley Kizziah, Kansas City.

Young was buried in Nodaway Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Maryville.

Online condolences may be left by visiting Danfeltfuneralhome.com.

Memorials may be given to the James L. Young Memorial Fund.

Henry James Hebert, 71, of Maryville, passed from this life on Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2008 at the Village Care Center.

Born on Oct. 14, 1936 in Port Arthur, Tx. he was the son of the late Alvin Joseph and Marie Lizzie (Landry) Hebert, Sr.

He was of the Catholic Faith and was a Welder most of his life.

He is survived by his loving children, Kelly Kitchen, Houston, Texas and Theresa Hiles, Coin, Iowa, brothers, Allen Hebert and Alton Hebert both of Port Arthur, TX. He is survived by seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Alvin Joseph Hebert, Jr., sisters, Virginia Elrod, Nancy Hebert, Rose Wilkerson.

Mr. Hebert has been cremated under the trusted care of the Danfelt Funeral Home, Maryville, MO. There will no visitation or viewing.

Memorial Services will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Tuesday, September 16, 2008 at the Danfelt Funeral Home, 951 S. Main Street, Maryville, Missouri 64468.

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A chance at history

Northwest graduate student pushes Administration Building for national registry listing

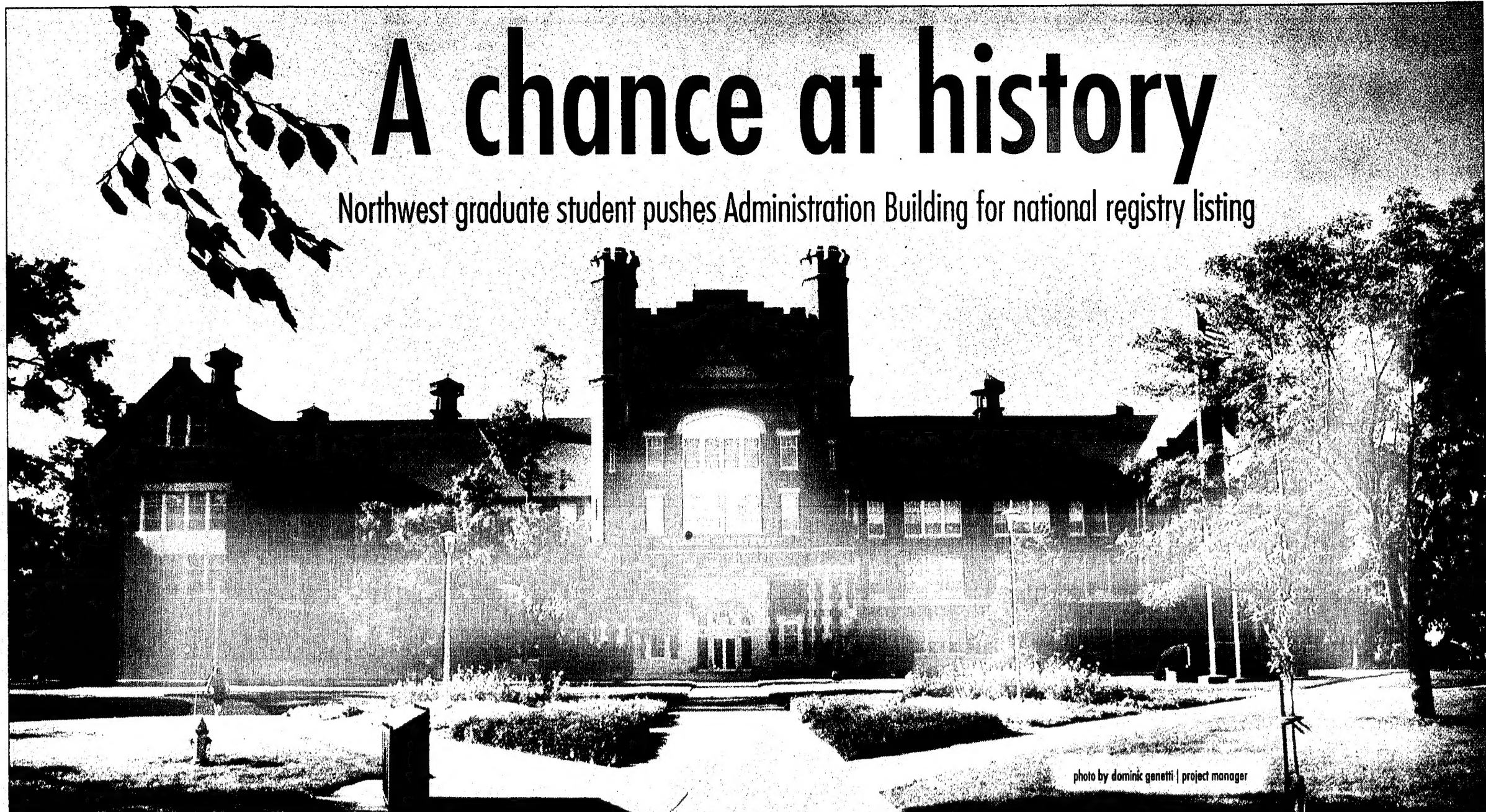


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By Dominic Genetti
Project Manager

For over 100 years it has stood tall beneath the Maryville sun.

It has survived a fire, seen an institution grow from a small teachers college and, in time, it has become a symbol of the region.

But Jason Williamson wants more for Northwest's Administration Building.

He wants national recognition. "The whole campus centers around that building," Williamson said. "(Northwest) fought hard to get it."

A University graduate student,

Williamson is nominating the Administration Building for the National Register of Historic Places as he researches it for his thesis.

"It's not out of the question," he said, defending the building's eligibility. "It signifies Northwest Missouri State University and if you look at Northwest Missouri State University, I think you look at how it's expanded education throughout the region."

Williamson originally nominated the Wabash Train Depot, on the northeast end of campus, to the registry as an undergraduate. He has developed his education in public history using primary

research.

Discovering the train depot's chances were slim, he turned his attention to the Administration Building.

"I'm writing (my thesis) about the fact that it's an influence in education and northwest Missouri," he said.

Maryville is home to four of the county's five nationally registered buildings: the Nodaway County Courthouse, the Frank-Newby House on E. Seventh Street and the Thomas Gaunt House on the Northwest campus.

The Pottsum Walk Hotel is the fifth. It is located north of

Burlington Junction and west of Clearmont.

A branch of the National Park Service, the National Register of Historic Places has specific qualifications for nominations. The structure must be over 50 years old, have a historical trend, be linked to a historic person or have unique architecture.

"It has gone through a lot of changes, but so have most buildings that were constructed that long ago," Williamson said.

On the other side of the coin, Northwest President Dean Hubbard has mixed feelings.

"The only downside is that if

you want to do major renovations, you have to get (the registry's) approval," he said. "If it's on the registry, then how would they constrain what we do and what would be the cost implications of that?"

Major renovations are planned, but those initiatives do not include the exterior.

"If they register it based upon the exterior of the building, then fine," Hubbard said.

Williamson still sees no reason to not register the building.

"The owner of the building can still make as many changes as they want to," he said. "If it's a privately owned thing, then you can get tax

breaks, and you get funding from the state or from federal agencies to make changes to the building. Obviously, that's not a problem for a state-run university because everything's given by the state."

"If it is changed too much then people can write a nomination asking for it to be taken off the national registry."

Nominations to the national registry first go through the state before submitted to the National Park Service where a decision is reached in 45 days.

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RUGBY

Earning Respect



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FRESHMAN RYAN SCHMELTZ came to the Northwest rugby team with four years experience. Some of his teammates aren't so fortunate.

See RUGBY on B2

Rugby team attempts to build club from scratch

By Brian Bosiljevac
University Sports Editor

While football is king of the sports world here in the Midwest, it's football's "father," rugby, that is trying to break ground.

"It's still kind of a work in progress, we're just trying to build a program right now," Northwest senior rugby captain Chris Hanson said. "One thing to keep in mind is a lot of the other teams we play have very established clubs. A lot of those clubs were established in the '60s and '70s, so you can see where we are coming from."

The Northwest rugby team is a group of guys who all share the desire to learn and play the game, but come from different levels of experience.

Freshman Ryan Schmeltz played rugby for four years while in high school at O'Hara in Kansas City.

Schmeltz discovered the game through his older brother who plays for a club in Kansas City.

Team members who don't have the experience Schmeltz brought with him to Northwest have to learn as they go.

"We don't have an official coach," Hanson said. "I am the overall team captain. Brandon Thurman is the captain of the forwards and the captain of the backs is Jeremy Ford. So we pretty much run our own practices."

The rugby club is in its third year at Northwest, but many people still don't know the team exists or even know how the game is played.

Rugby is known as the "father" of American football because it was played more than 70 years before football. The game is very similar in concept, but obviously, both games have their differences.

MHS FOOTBALL

Warriors stand in way of winning streak

By Christopher Woodland
Community Sports Editor

Maryville attempts to continue their five-game winning streak when they travel to Smithville this week.

The Spoofhounds improved to 3-0 (2-0 in conference play) last Friday by beating Benton 28-0 on a field saturated by a week's worth of rain.

The 'Hounds and Cardinals slugged it out in the first half with neither team able to establish much offense. Senior running back Adam Mattson ended the scoreless tie when he broke a couple of tackles and ran 18 yards up the middle for a touchdown.

A Mattson pass to senior running back John Farmer on the two-point conversion made the score 8-0.

"We got into direct snap with Mattson and just ran our single-wing stuff, and that was really good for us," Maryville coach Chris Holt said. "It really changed the game for us."

The score remained 8-0 until

Farmer broke loose on a 48-yard scamper around the right side during the third quarter to put the 'Hounds up 14-0.

Maryville solidified the victory midway through the fourth quarter when junior linebacker Evan Johnson intercepted Benton's Zach Hart at the Benton 28-yard line.

Senior quarterback Joe Jasinski followed the interception with a touchdown on a quarterback keeper with 5:30 left in the fourth quarter.

"It was a rough game, but we did what we had to do and came through and got it done," Jasinski said.

The win did come at a cost. The 'Hounds lost junior backup linebacker Brandon Brownfield for the season when he broke his collarbone taking on a Benton lead blocker.

"It was nice for us to perform the way we did with so many kids out," Holt said. "Half of our offensive line was on the sideline, and you're missing your nose guard, and you're missing your starting cornerback and then your backup linebacker

goes in and breaks his collarbone. I was just happy we could overcome all the adversity."

Jasinski led the 'Hounds offensively and defensively against Benton. He finished with a team-high 54 yards on 13 carries and totaled seven tackles on defense.

Farmer added 53 yards on the ground while Mattson ran for 48 yards.

Maryville travels to conference rival Smithville on Friday after outscoring their first two MEC opponents by a combined score of 70-7.

Smithville running back Austin Baker ran for 230 yards and three touchdowns in a 26-0 downing of Pembroke Hill last week.

"He's definitely the focus of our defensive plan this week," Holt said.

"He looks pretty good on film. He's definitely their main weapon. Our game-plan is to shut him down and make some other kids beat us."



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SENIOR LINEBACKER JOE JASINSKI takes on a Cardinal fullback Friday.

Smithville enters the game 2-1 but is yet to face a Midland Empire Conference opponent. They have outscored their last two opponents by a combined score of 63-6.

"We've just really got to read our keys and focus," Mattson said.

The Spoofhounds play at 7 p.m. Friday in Smithville.

NW FOOTBALL

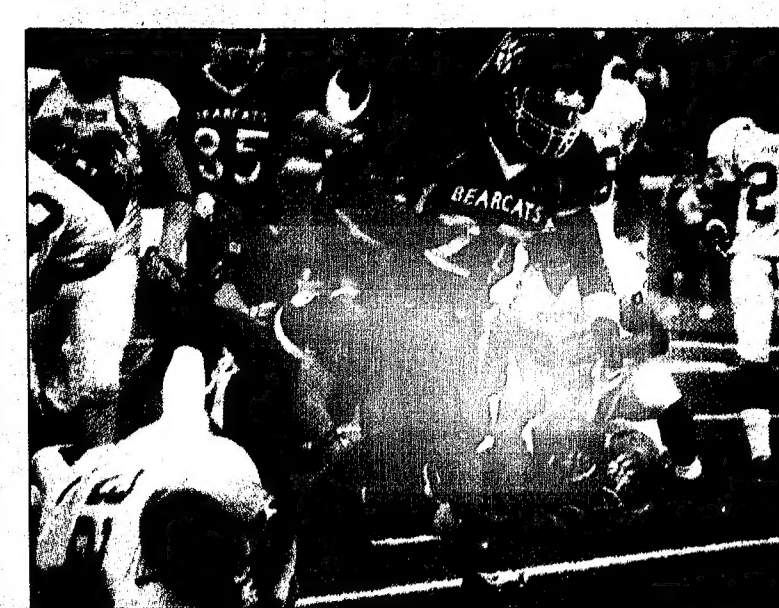


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JUNIOR RUNNING BACK LaRon Council cruised in for one of his four touchdowns in Saturday's 42-35 victory over Missouri Western. The four touchdowns were a career best for Council.

Hickory stick up for grabs in Kirksville

By Marcus Meade
Sports Editor

It may not have the passion of the Northwest-Missouri Western rivalry, but when the Bearcats (2-1) take on the Bulldogs (1-1), they'll have tradition.

Since 1931, the 'Cats and Bulldogs have faced off for a 30-inch hickory stick in a contest known as the Hickory Stick game. Over that period of time, Truman holds the overall advantage 42-27-4, but Northwest owned the hickory stick last season with a convincing 53-6 win at home.

Last week, both teams ended their games in dramatic fashion. The 'Cats took a nail-biter against Missouri Western 42-35 while Truman lost 31-28 to Central Missouri.

"They've been on the verge the last two years," Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdema said. "They're really making progress. They're a real solid football team."

Part of Truman's improvement comes from the play of quarterback Matt Ticich. Against Central, Ticich threw for 379 yards and two touchdowns. He also rushed for 19 yards, showing his versatility.

"Their main running attack is their quarterback scrambling," Tjeerdema said. "Number one, you have to do a good job at coverage, and number two, when you are rushing, you need to stay in your pass lanes."

For the 'Cats, running back LaRon Council carried the load against the Griffons. Council rushed for a career high in yards and touchdowns with 144 and four respectively.

Council thinks establishing the run and playing physical up front will help the 'Cats with clock management and

inevitably help both sides of the ball.

"If we control the clock, we control the game," Council said. "We keep our defense off the field and they stay strong and healthy."

Fortunately for the 'Cats, they'll get the services of All-American left tackle Reid Kirby back. He was suspended for the second half against Missouri Western after being ejected for swinging at a Griffon player. Another key to the 'Cats' running attack, tight end Josh Gannan, is questionable for this week's game with an ankle injury.

On defense, the 'Cats are focusing on correcting a few mental mistakes they've made in the first three weeks. Those include things like penalties and blown pass-coverages, Tjeerdema said.

"We would like to get our execution rate up to around 75, 80 percent," defensive end Tyler Northway said. "Right now, we're struggling to get around 65, 70 percent."

To this point in the year, Northwest's defense is allowing 35.7 points per game, and until last weekend had only registered one turnover.

Help could be on the way with emergence of defensive tackle Moe Damper. In the Missouri Western game, Damper recorded his first sack and repeatedly spent time in the Griffon's backfield.

"What's great about Moe, is that from five yards either way, he's going 100 percent and he's fast, and that's really going to help us out in the run game," Northway said. "Another good thing about Moe is his excitement and just overall love for the game."

The showdown for the hickory stick begins at 7 p.m. Saturday in Kirksville, Mo.

NW VOLLEYBALL

Squad moves into conference play after tough weekend in New York

By Brian Bosiljevac
University Sports Editor

Northwest volleyball looks to its early season tournaments to give the team the experience it needs for a strong conference showing.

The Bearcats traveled to Oakdale, N.Y. for the Hilton Garden Inn Invitational last weekend.

Once again, the 'Cats record doesn't tell the whole story. The team came away with a 1-2 record, making their overall record 3-8.

"I think this was our strongest overall weekend," coach Anna Tool said. "We battled with every team we faced and unfortunately came up short in two matches. I felt as a whole, we gave ourselves opportunities to win each match, which hadn't happened the weekend before."

The two losses the 'Cats were almost identical. After falling behind and losing the first two sets, the 'Cats crawled back to win the third and fourth sets, losing both matches in the fifth and final set.

Making it to the fifth set after being down 0-2 is something the 'Cats were looking to do after losing every match 0-3 the previous weekend.

"I think we just kind of got sick

of losing," sophomore Sara Falcone said. "It kind of sucks, and we wanted to win really bad. It was tough losing both games in the fifth set, but we learned that we have to start winning in the first two sets."

Northwest finished the tournament with a win, beating Adelphi (N.Y.) 3-1.

"I think that win helps us a lot," Falcone said. "It gave us a lot of confidence and let us know that we can win games. All we have to do is string things together, and we're good."

The 'Cats squared off against a very tough Washburn team yesterday (results unavailable at press time). The Lady Blues are currently ranked second in the nation.

Washburn was also in the Hilton Garden Inn Invitational, where they swept the tournament, beating both teams the 'Cats lost to 3-0.

Tool said the 'Cats match up equally in talent, but Washburn takes the advantage over the Northwest because of their experience. She feels for the 'Cats to come out successful, they must take care of the ball and not commit unforced errors.

After Washburn, the 'Cats take the court next at 7 p.m. tomorrow, at Bearcat Arena for their home opener against Fort Hays.

SOCCER

Hat trick hands Griffons MIAA loss

By Christopher Woodland
Community Sports Editor

Northwest got the best of Missouri Western not once, but twice in the same day last weekend.

Senior midfielder Holly Ramaeaker tied a program record by scoring three goals in a game, lifting the soccer team to a 3-1 victory over the Griffons just hours after the Northwest football team celebrated a victory over the rival Griffons.

Ramaeaker scored all three of her goals in the second half after the teams battled to a 0-0 tie at halftime.

"Basically, we asked the players what was going on out there and what they needed to do, and they came up with a solution," coach Tracy Hoza said. "In that second half, they came out on fire. They were passing the ball around and making better decisions."

Ramaeaker scored her first goal on a penalty kick in the fifth minute of the second half. After Western tied the game at 1-1, she scored the game-winning goal on another penalty kick with less than 13 minutes to play.

"On the first one, I was really confident," Ramaeaker said. "I haven't ever missed one so I was fine. On the second one, I got nervous because I couldn't decide if I should switch to the other side."

I didn't and when it hit the pole I got really scared, but it still went in."

Her third goal came in the 80th minute of the game on Krista Pollman's third assist of the year.

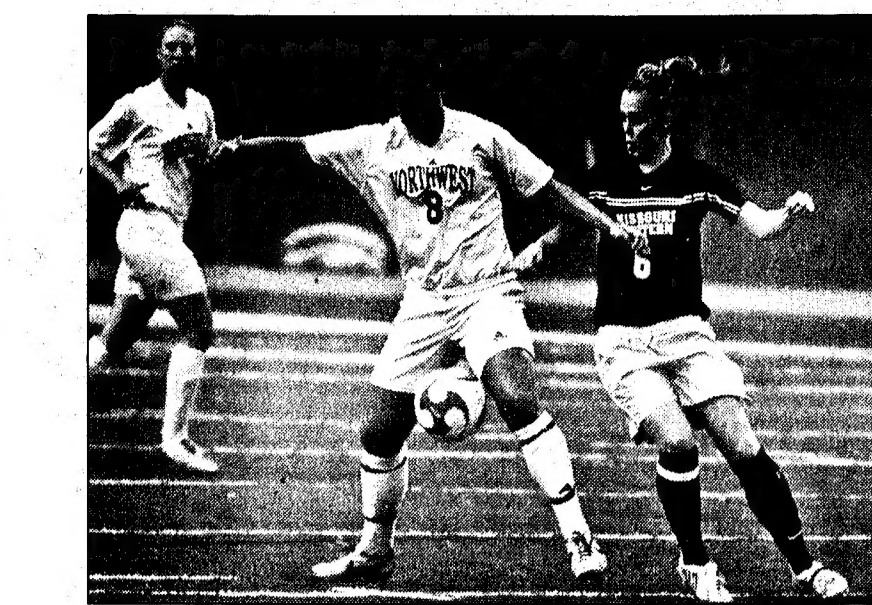
With her three goals on Saturday, Ramaeaker tied teammate Andrea Tritz for the team lead with five for the season. Ramaeaker and Tritz are tied for the second most goals in the MIAA. Southwest Baptist's Rhiane Mitchell leads the conference with 10.

Ramaeaker's three goals on Saturday eclipsed her total from the previous two seasons by one.

"This year I came in a lot more fit and kind of stepped it up because it's my senior year," Ramaeaker said. "I kind of have a different mentality. I'm ready to win instead of losing."

Last year the 'Cats set the program record by allowing 1.47 goals per game. Through six games this year, they have held opponents to 0.69 goals per game.

"We changed our formation since last year, so that's different," sophomore defender Amanda Olah said. "We also have Jessica Braun back and Jacque Dedovesh who is a freshman this year. I just think the three of us work really well together. We make sure to stay on our mark and tell each other if there's a man behind us. We just have the mentality that



DEFENDER KATE HORVAT works her way between the ball and a Missouri Western forward.

nothing is getting past us."

The Bearcats (5-1, 1-1) hope to continue their winning ways when they host Missouri Southern tonight. Southern enters the game on a three game losing streak, which includes a 6-1 thrashing by Southwest Baptist.

Southern has a pair of players, Stephanie Heines and Nikki Llewellyn, entering the game with four goals each this season.

The 'Cats follow that game with a trip to Southwest Baptist on Saturday. Baptist has only played three games this year, but has amassed 20 goals and shutout two opponents.

The Southern game starts at 4 p.m. today at Bearcat Pitch, and the Baptist game starts at 4 p.m. Saturday in Bolivar.

BEARCATS

SCORE BY QUARTER

(1-2)	14	7	14	0	—	35
(2-1)	7	13	7	15	—	42

TEAM STATISTICS

Northwest	Missouri Western	
462	Total yards	309
78	Total plays	60
172	Rushing yards	55
43	Rushing attempts	31
3-2	Fumbles-lost	1-0
290	Passing yards	254
35	Passing attempts	29
4-36	Sacks-yards lost	1-7
26-35-2	Comp.-Att.-Int.	16-29-2
0	Punts-yards	4-161
5.9	Off. yards per play	5.2
26	First Downs	16
5-40	Penalties-yards	5-45
2-36	Int.-yards	2-51
11 of 14	Third downs	9 of 14
1 of 3	Fourth Downs	0 of 1

SPOOFHOUNDS

VOLLEYBALL

SENIOR KAYLA CARMICHAEL leaps to send the ball over the net in the Spoofhounds' 2-0 victory over the Benton Cardinals.

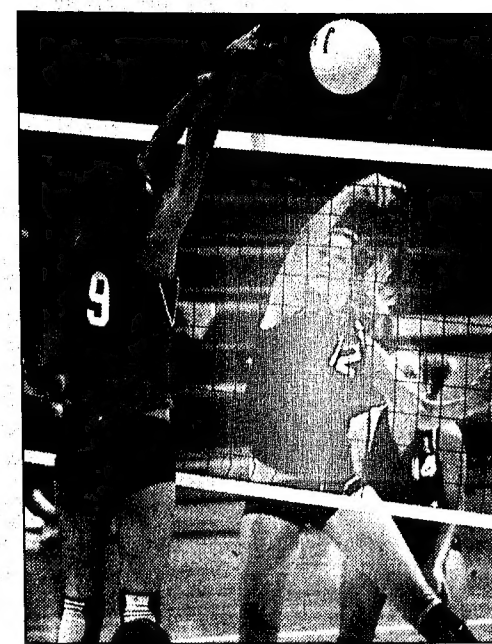


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Team avenges early loss

By Jesse Murphy
Missourian Reporter

The Spoofhound volleyball team got reprimand in the second meeting of the year with the Benton Cardinals.

The rivals from St. Joseph won the first match of this year, giving Maryville High School one of their two losses on the season. Their record now stands at 11-2.

This time around the 'Hounds took the first set in extra points, 26-24.

After a close first set, they never looked back. They were up by as many as eight points twice, and

ended up with a nine point victory in the 2-0 match.

Coach Lori Klaus thinks the success and constant improvements stem from confidence.

"Everyone is working together and coming along well," Klaus said. "When we got the momentum tonight, we kept it going."

The Spoofhounds are coming off of a first place finish in a tournament they hosted last Saturday.

Senior middle blocker Kayla Carmichael shares excitement with the other two seniors on the team, Randi Tobin and Samantha McGinness.

This season has a lot of meaning

to them since this is their last year.

"We have high hopes," Carmichael said. "I just don't want the season to end too quickly."

"We get along great, there isn't really anything to hold us back."

The Hounds have eleven games remaining in the season, meaning many more opportunities to win. They have one more match against Benton next month.

Benton also hosts a varsity tournament in October in which the two teams are likely to meet again.

Their next match is at 7 p.m. tonight. It will be held in Maryville against Lafayette.

SOCCER

Boys play 'best game' yet

By Christopher Woodland
Community Sports Editor

The young Maryville soccer team hopes to continue growing as a team after seeing signs of improvement last weekend at the Excelsior Springs Tournament.

The Spoofhounds finished third in the tournament highlighted with a 3-0 shutout win over Lafayette and losses to Warrensburg and Excelsior Springs.

Warrensburg dominated Maryville throughout their game winning 9-0. Despite a 3-2 loss to Excelsior Springs, the 'Hounds felt they played one of their best games of the year.

"We played really good all the way through the whole game," senior Jon Rogers said. "I think we've improved a lot as far as playing together as a team since the Cameron game at the beginning of the year."

The young 'Hounds team (2-5) has been struggling to find itself after losing the majority of its playmakers from a year ago, but seems to be making progress coach Stuart Collins said.

"It was good to see them playing

together and we're going to see if we can sustain that going into Thursday's game," Collins said.

Warrensburg won the tournament last weekend with Excelsior Springs settling for a second place finish.

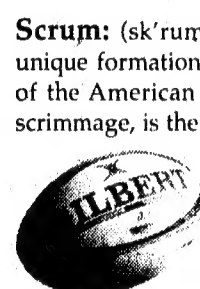
This afternoon, the 'Hounds take on Maur Hill Prep.

"It's always hard to determine how good they are," Collins said. "They bring in a lot of overseas talent, and you never know if the guys that are there last year are going to be there this year, or if they're going to bring in someone that's just dynamite. We've got to be prepared to play our best game."

There might be some bad blood between the two teams too. They are a physical team and Rogers almost got into a fight with one of their players two years ago when a Maur Hill player took a swing at him, he said.

The 'Hounds play tonight at 4 p.m. at Maur Hill Prep. They play their first home game of the season against Cameron at 4 p.m. on Monday, and follow that up with their second home game against Chillicothe at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

MISSOURIAN RUGBY DICTIONARY FIRST EDITION



Scrum: (sk'rum) n. 1. Rugby's unique formation, the forerunner of the American football line of scrimmage, is the method used to restart the game after the referee has whistled a minor law violation. A bound group of players from each team form a "tunnel" with the opposition. The non-offending team puts the ball into the tunnel by rolling it into the middle and each team pushes forward until one player is able to hook the ball with the feet and push it to the back row players of his/her team.

The Scrum Half then retrieves the ball and puts it into play.

Knock on: (nok'on) v. 1. The accidental hitting or dropping of the ball forward. The infringement is the same as that of a forward pass: a scrum to the other team.

Touchline: (tuch'lin) n. 1. Side boundary of the field (sideline).

Dummy: (dum'ey) n. 1. A fake pass.

Grubber: (grub'er) n. 1. A kick that rolls or bounces along the ground.

RUGBY: Club team provides funds for own program

Continued from B1

The Northwest Rugby Club has already had its first match of the season. The club traveled to Lawrence, Kan. to take on the University of Kansas Rugby Club. Northwest dropped that match, but the team was pleased with how the game went, Hanson said.

"We're going to take it to them (opponents)," Hanson said. "We'll give it the best we got and see how we fare against all the other teams."

Established in 2006, the team is focused on having fun and putting on a good show, while progressing the program and continuing to improve, Hanson said. Last year was a building season for Northwest, with their

only win of the season coming against Wayne State.

Although rugby and football are very similar there is one thing drastically different at Northwest: the fan base. The Northwest football team draws at least 5,000 fans a game.

"We actually have a good number of fans who show up to our home matches," Hanson said. "We usually have anywhere from 25 to 30 or 40 people show up. We are happy with the numbers we get, but of course, we would love to see more people come out and watch us. It would just be nice to get the word out there about us. It would really up to get noticed."

As a club team, they also face a

problem in funding. All the costs that come with running a program is paid for by the players. Costs come from traveling and administrative funding. The team is working on getting sponsors and admits it could use all the help they can get, Hanson said.

The main focus for the Northwest Rugby Club is getting its program established. Along with that task, the club is also working on an even tougher task of establishing a women's club on campus. There are a couple girls who practice with the men's team right now.

"I started playing while I was studying abroad in Scotland," senior Andrea Richardson said. "It was about

the only thing to do over there. To get a girls' team started, first I have to recruit girls. We had a team last semester, but a lot of the girls dropped out. It's tough to get girls to play because most girls are afraid of playing rugby, especially since we practice with the guys."

Although it looks like the rugby team has a tough road ahead, getting the program established might not be too much farther around the corner.

"If you go down to Kansas City, there are actually five or six men's clubs," Hanson said. "They also have two women's clubs. So it has got to be a pretty established base, it's just forwarding that over to Northwest and Maryville as a region."

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NORTHWEST & MARYVILLE HIGH ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

LaRon Council
Council had a career day against the Griffons Saturday with 144 rushing yards and four touchdowns. His play earned him MIAA Player of the Week, and now prepares to take on Truman in the Hickory Stick game.

Holly Ramaeaker
Ramaeaker tied a school single-game record with her first career three-goal game that led the Bearcats (5-1) over Missouri Western 3-1. The hat trick moves Ramaeaker's season total to five, which is the second most on the MIAA.

Joe Jasinski
Jasinski led the Spoofhounds offensively and defensively in a 28-0 win over Benton last Friday. He ran for a team-high 54 yards and a touchdown. He also led the team with seven tackles. Friday Jasinski will lead the 'Hounds against (2-1) Smithville.

Libby Howell
Howell turned in a stellar game against the Benton Cardinals Tuesday. Howell also helped the Spoofhounds take the top spot in their home tournament last weekend. The Spoofhounds take on Lafayette next.

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GOLF

Girls look for lower scores; happy with conference win

By Marcus Meade
Sports Editor

They grabbed a win, but that doesn't mean the Maryville girls' golf team was satisfied with their performance Tuesday.

The Spoofhounds defeated St. Joseph Benton 219-257, but didn't play up to their potential, coach Brenda Ricks said.

"Some days it just doesn't happen," Ricks said. "I think today was one of those days."

Amy Van de Ven took the top honors from the meet with a score of 46. Despite coming out on top, Van de Ven hopes to lower her score to the low 40s.

Van de Ven's success came on unusually fast greens at the Fairview Golf Course, which were recently aerated.

"When I shoot a bad shot, I can't let it get to me," Van de Ven said. "I just have to move on."

To combat the quick greens, Van de Ven utilized a good chipping game to give herself short putts.

Following Van de Ven was Shannon McClellan with a 49, Brooke Byland with a 60 and Emily Wilmes with a 64.

McClellan's troubles didn't come from the greens, but rather from the tee box.

"It came down to my drives," McClellan said. "There were some trees, and I couldn't avoid them."

Ricks expects her bunch to lower their team score by the time districts roll around. On Monday, they shot a 205 against Savannah, a team Ricks thinks can compete for the state title. Van de Ven also tallied a 46 against Savannah to lead the 'Hounds.

Ultimately, Ricks' goal is to get her squad under the 200 mark.

"It wasn't our best round," Ricks said. "So we'll just have to go back to the driving range and work. I'm OK; we won, but we need to keep our score down."

The 'Hounds get back to action at 4 p.m. Thursday at Mozingo Lake Golf Course.

Rivalry time means decision time

As October 4 quickly approaches, decision time draws closer for us football fans here at Northwest.

In the Midwest, we love our football. The question is, which of our beloved teams do we love more?

October 4th marks a day on which two great rivalries will take place.

Our Northwest Bearcats meet the Gorillas of Pittsburg State for the Fall Classic. Also, on the Division-I level, October 4th is the scheduled date for the Big 12 rivalry of the Nebraska Cornhuskers and the Missouri Tigers.

Both of these games are ones that true football fans here in Missouri should witness.

First, let's talk location. The Fall Classic takes place at Arrowhead Stadium, in Kansas City. This is definitely one of the more exciting trips to take for a Bearcat football game. Along with getting to travel to a city that has just a little bit more to do than good 'ole Maryville, you also get a chance to see the game take place in undoubtedly one of the finest stadiums in the NFL.

As far as the Missouri-Nebraska rivalry is concerned, this year the game takes place at Memorial Stadium, in Lincoln, Neb. Lincoln might

be a little less exciting than Kansas City, but Memorial Stadium definitely holds its own. I guess I am a little biased being raised a Nebraska fan. Although, "The Sporting News" did rank Nebraska's Memorial Stadium as the ninth best stadium in college football. If you are a Nebraska fan, you won't be able to

control yourself, as your body fills with goose bumps, when the team takes the field during the traditional "Tunnel Walk." Nebraska holds the record for consecutive sellouts and with Missouri in town, the building will be booming. I am a Nebraska fan, but trust me as a college football fan when I say, you won't regret seeing a game in Lincoln.

Now, let's talk tradition. The Fall Classic is a newer tradition. The Fall Classic is a newer tradition. This year marks the seventh year Northwest has taken on the Gorillas at Arrowhead. Those of you who have attended any of those past six games know why you wouldn't want to miss the seventh. The Fall Classic has recently been a showdown of the MIAA powerhouses. The 'Cats and the Gorillas have shared or outright won the MIAA championship, in 13 of the last 14 seasons. Last year's game was one to never forget.

After facing a third-and-goal from the 2-yard line, Northwest's Xavier Omon was stuffed for a one-yard gain. Instead of taking the field goal to force a second overtime Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdma let Omon go for it on fourth down. Omon made a one yard flip into the end zone to give the 'Cats the dramatic victory.

The tradition between the Nebraska-Missouri rivalry goes back a little longer, dating all the way back to 1927. The rivalry has taken on a new face as the tides have turned for these two programs. Missouri has become a national powerhouse and a Big 12 Championship contender for the first time, reaching their first Big 12 Championship last season. Nebraska, on the other hand, has a great past consisting of two Big 12 championships in four appearances and five national championships, but has not been living up to their great history as of late. The last four seasons for Nebraska have been some of the worst in the university's history.

Missouri enters this game trying to break a 15-game losing streak in Lincoln, dating back to 1978. Nebraska needs a win to show everyone, and more importantly to frustrated Nebraska fans, the Huskers are on their way back to the top of the college football promise land. After the 41-6 shellacking Missouri put on Nebraska last year, the Hus-

ers might be out for a little revenge too.

Lastly, the final decision might come down to the tickets. The tickets for the Fall Classic can easily be purchased at our very own Administration Building, for a low price of \$10 for Northwest students.

Finding tickets in Lincoln might be a little tougher. Nebraska's record for consecutive sellouts will extend another day, as the stadium's capacity of 81,067 will be filled to watch this rivalry game. Nebraska tickets usually go for around \$50 at face value. If you can find tickets to this game, it might be tough to pass up.

Last year, I watched one of the greatest games I have ever seen as Northwest beat Pitt, in overtime. Then, I made one of my friends find me a place to watch the Nebraska-Missouri game. Unfortunately, my friend took me to one of Kansas City's finest trailer parks, where I watched my Huskers get embarrassed with a bunch of drunken Missouri fans. So, it is safe to say that I will be spending this October 4 in Nebraska.

Honestly, there is no wrong decision. Whether you choose the Fall Classic in Kansas City or the Missouri-Nebraska game in Lincoln, you will not be disappointed. No matter what you do, make sure you catch one of these games. It's college football season. Life doesn't get much better.

WHAT TO WATCH

Marc's TV picks

Friday

•Balls of Fury, HBO, 8:30 p.m. — This isn't a great movie, but it's a fun movie about the life and death of underground ping pong. Watch for Christopher Walken. The man is hilarious.

Days rating (2 of 5)

Saturday

•Florida at Tennessee, CBS, 2:30 p.m. — A classic matchup from the best conference in college football. I think Florida will man handle the Vols because of the hapless coaching of Phil Fulmer.

Days rating (4 of 5)

Sunday

•Kansas City at Atlanta, CBS, noon — Ok, the Chiefs are officially the worst team in the NFL, but they're still my boys. It should be fun watching Kansas City work really hard to get that No. 1 overall pick.

Days rating (5 of 5)

Brian's TV picks

Friday

•Pearl Harbor, AMC, 7 p.m. — Who doesn't love Ben Affleck and Josh Hartnett in one of the worst days in American history?

Days rating (3 of 5)

Saturday

•Wake Forest at Florida State, ESPN2, 6 p.m. — Wake Forest is an up-and-coming team in the ACC. While, Bobby Bowden's Seminoles are looking to get back on the college football map.

Days rating (4 of 5)

Sunday

•Practical Magic, ABC, 6 p.m. — Definitely a chick flick, but hey, I don't mind this movie at all. But I am the type of person who can watch any movie. If you don't like chick flicks, don't watch this one.

Days rating (4 of 5)

Woody's TV picks

Friday

•100 Greatest Songs of the '80s, VH1, 8 p.m. — This is actually the last hour of the countdown. You can tune in here and catch all the main songs we all love from the decade of excess, probably even a few m-luts too.

Days rating (4 of 5)

Saturday

•LSU vs. Auburn, ESPN, 6:45 p.m. — This is a classic SEC battle. There will be a lot of big hits and I expect neither team to wrap it up until late in the fourth quarter.

Days rating (3 of 5)

Sunday

•Dallas at Green Bay, NBC, 7:15 p.m. — It's not as entertaining as the Chiefs three ring circus, but it should be a good game.

Days rating (3 of 5)

Dustin's TV picks

Friday

•Real Time with Bill Maher, HBO, 10 p.m. — Bill Maher is back for a new season, and I've missed it all so far, but I love hearing this very outspoken political critic.

Days ratings (4 of 5)

Saturday

•Arizona at UCLA, ESPN, 1:30 p.m. — I honestly just want to see if UCLA can score this week or if they can rebound the record they broke last week.

Days rating (3 of 5)

Sunday

•True Blood, HBO, 8 p.m. — I have no desire to watch the Chiefs play football ever again, I don't feel very manly when I cry for three hours after a football game. So, I'm watching this new series on HBO that my roommates are raving about it.

Days rating (3 of 5)

STROLLER

Your Man knows true quality

Your Man is pumped. Pumped about quality and the culture it engulfs.

Words are simply not enough to describe the rush of adrenaline I received when I opened my e-mail last week to find a *personalized* letter from the president's office issuing an urgent call to action: the Culture of Quality is going to war.

Northwest is getting a *site visit*, said the notice -- something about people from the Missouri Quality Award are on their way up here. Well, shoot, that can't be a good thing. I mean I'm pretty sure the United States gave Iraq a site visit a few years ago, and that hasn't exactly been all that and a bag of chips.

"What do they want from us?" I frantically asked myself. To measure our Culture of Quality? How dare they! Can't they tell from the overcrowded sidewalks, parking lots and lunch lines that people like this place? I mean, just the other day some horse's ass nearly mowed me down on his bicycle, screaming, "I am a CULTURE WARRIOR!" Never one to be at a loss for words, I replied, "I hope you catch rickets!"

COLUMN

Geeky, obscene rapper is latest Internet comic sensation

By Sydney Moore
Features Editor

In my book, any guy who can make me laugh gets brownie points.

Comedian Bo Burnham has been racking up the points for the past month or so. I fell in love with his videos on YouTube after a friend told me I had to listen to what this hilarious 18-year old had to say.

Burnham, who hails from Hamilton, Mass., has taken over MySpace, Youtube and now,

iTunes, with videos and a recently released EP, "Bo Fo Sho." In his comedic raps, Burnham touches on touchy teenage subjects like dating, sex and the joking debate he has with his family and friends about his sexuality.

In his songs, Burnham plays the keyboard and guitar, which he taught himself during his junior year of high school. After learning how to play, he began to

write his own autobiographical songs, which were just meant to be jokes with his friends. A few songs into the newfound hobby, Burnham posted the videos, which he recorded in his bedroom, on YouTube. After eight months, Burn-

ham's videos had been viewed more than 10 million times and generated a huge fan base.

Sydney Moore
Features Editor

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

Crossword

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SPORTS STAFF GAME PICKS

Marc's picks

Prediction record (5-6)
NCAA Lock

E. Carolina at NC State — ECU East Carolina had a tough game against Tulane, but showed grit by coming from behind in the fourth quarter. Skip Holtz should have his boys fired up to take down N.C. State and prove their non-BCs superiority.

NCAA Upset

Houston at Colorado St. — Col. The Rams are getting six points at home. Has Vegas gone mad? I mean, sure, their only win is against Sacramento State, but come on. The Rams are at home, and Houston's only win came against Southern University. Who's that?

NFL Lock

Jacksonville at Indy — Indy It seemed like Peyton Manning and the Colts got things going last week with a win against the Vikings. If their offense can keep the ball rolling, they should be able to take care of business against the Jags. My only concern is their defense will let Jacksonville's two-headed running attack go crazy.

NFL Upset

Arizona at Washington — Ariz. Kurt Warner and his dynamic receiving corps should run wild on the Redskins defense. Washington got lucky last week when the entire New Orleans roster was injured. If you look at the quarterbacks in this game, the pick should be a no-brainer. I'm just glad the guys in Vegas don't see what I'm seeing.

Brian "The Bulldog's" picks

Prediction record (6-6)
NCAA Lock

Florida at Tennessee- Florida Florida destroyed a decent Hawaii and pulled through to get a win against a young, tough Miami team. And after a week off Tebow and the Gators will be able to handle a Tennessee team who couldn't get the job done against UCLA.

NCAA Upset

Vanderbilt at Mississippi- Van. Well, there aren't a whole lot of good upsets this week, but Vanderbilt has played great so far this season. After seeing them take down a top 25 team in South Carolina, hopefully they can pull one more off against a tough Ole Miss. If Vandy is going to pull this out is going to be through their running game.

NFL Lock

Carolina at Minnesota- Minn. No way will the Vikings go 0-3. It will be tough though. Adrian Peterson will need to play top notch to beat an undefeated Carolina team. With one of the best offensive lines in the league I would say that is a most definite possibility.

NFL Upset

Cleveland at Baltimore- Cleve. After an 0-2 start, I expect the Cleveland Browns to come out strong. It's now or never for the playoff hopefuls. Derek Anderson threw for 155 yards and almost pulled out the win against a tough, 2-0, Pittsburgh Steelers' team.

Woody's picks

Prediction record (6-6)
NCAA Lock

Georgia at Arizona State — Ga. The Bulldogs destroyed what South Carolina last week, but Arizona State lost to UNLV. Matt Stafford and Knowshon Moreno are going to tear the Sun Devils' defense up.

NCAA Upset

Rutgers at Navy — Rutgers Mike Teel has looked absolutely wretched in Rutgers first two games, but Greg Schiano has brought in a bunch of young talent that should contribute at some point ... why not when they're 0-2 and playing Navy?

NFL Lock

Denver at New Orleans — Den. I've picked the Broncos to win the last two weeks, and they have not let me down. Jay Cutler to Brandon Marshall and Eddie Royal is looking like a ridiculously good combination. Marshall had 18 catches last week, and if teams double him, Royal will torch them. Add that to the Saints' long injury list, and the Broncos look like winners.

NFL Upset

Carolina at Minn. — Carolina The Vikes lack a quarterback right now. Sure, they have Peterson, one of the best running backs in the nation, but a one dimensional team is not hard to stop. At the beginning of the season, I never thought I would be picking Minnesota to go 0-3 and Carolina to go 3-0, but if the Panthers are 2-0 without Steve Smith they should be able to beat the Vikings

Dustin's picks

Prediction record (7-5)
NCAA Lock

LSU at Auburn — LSU After watching Auburn's epic 3-2 victory against Miss St. there is no way LSU can't beat a team that can't find the end zone. LSU has had some problems this season but they will beat Auburn's offense-less team.

NCAA Upset

Wake Forest at Fla. St. — WF Florida State is down and has been down for a long time along with the ACC. Wake Forest is always a surprising bright spot for the ACC and they will upset The Seminoles.

NFL Lock

Tampa Bay at Chicago — Chi. The Bucs still don't know who their quarterback will be for Sunday, either choice Garcia or Griese won't be able to score against the Bears possibly reborn defense. Plus, Kyle Orton was the right choice at QB for the Bears, and it will show this week when they take down Gruden and the Bucs.

NFL Upset

Carolina at Minn. — Carolina The Vikes lack a quarterback right now. Sure, they have Peterson, one of the best running backs in the nation, but a one dimensional team is not hard to stop. At the beginning of the season, I never thought I would be picking Minnesota to go 0-3 and Carolina to go 3-0, but if the Panthers are 2-0 without Steve Smith they should be able to beat the Vikings

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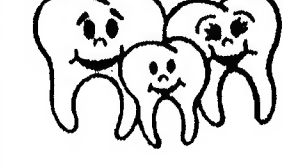
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Editor auditions for hit TV show

By Whitney Keyes
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It just so happens that I love "America's Next Top Model." Not enough to faithfully watch new episodes when they first air, but enough to spend seven hours watching the marathons.

Usually though, I'm wearing some ratty men's pajama pants, an old T-shirt and shoveling cheap Chinese food into my mouth. Every episode is packed with drama between the housemates, and the mean girl (there's always a token mean girl ...) makes somebody cry. In between sobs, the crier whines "I've wanted this my whole life."

This makes me think. When I was young, all my friends wanted to be movie stars, models or Barbie. I wanted to be a librarian.

My roommate and I saw a commercial during the premiere of the newest season for an open casting call in Kansas City. What a great idea, we thought -- send some poor girl down there to battle the thick fogs of tension and hairspray.

Since "ANTM" hopefuls have to be taller than 5 feet, 7 inches, I definitely qualified. All those years of wearing highwaters because jeans were always too short were finally paying off.

Being tall enough was the easy part of the tryout process. I still had to fill out the application and actually try out. The application is more ridiculous than "ANTM" judge Miss J's hairstyles. Not only is it lengthy, it's rather personal. Name, age, height, weight, understandable. I do not, however, understand why they need to know what I am most ashamed of, or who I would throw a surprise party for. (I said my mom, if you're curious, she definitely deserves a surprise party.)

But, hey, it's not easy work getting to the top. So, I filled it out -- all 75 essay questions to the grand total of almost 6,000 words.

I figured once I had the application filled out, then the hardest part would come -- making model faces, doing a sexy runway walk, not to mention facing off hundreds of more beautiful girls.

On the big day, I woke up 45 minutes before we left. As I procrastinated actually leaving my bed, I thought about all the girls who had probably woken up many hours before. I imagined girls applying mascara by the light of the moon, when I woke up just shortly before leaving and don't even own mascara.

I thought it would be smart to pack a "Top Model Wannabe" emergency kit. I included my roommate's flat-iron, a hairbrush, deodorant, perfume and other essentials for any girl with big dreams. I also included toenail polish, just in case. Top models are always prepared. When my ride pulled up, my hands were full with my emergency kit, my outfit for tryouts, my breakfast (delicious frozen waffles) and a bag of snacks for the ride home. I'm pretty sure the other girls didn't pack Ho Ho's for their journeys, but I could be wrong.

We were about an hour early but grabbed a spot in line and proceeded to size up the other girls.

That turned out to be the scariest part of the whole day. Have you ever had to walk past 250 girls who are all judging you at the same time? It is terrifying. If you've seen "Mean Girls," just imagine that, but 250 girls, not just one. It's a surefire way to lower your self esteem.

As the day wore on, I waited in line for five hours. All that waiting left a lot of time for talking to the other girls, while at the same time trying to decide if you've got a better chance.

I was amazed at the girls who wanted this more than anything. No. 129 flew in from Alabama with her boyfriend that morning. No. 137 drove nine hours from South Dakota without telling anyone. It almost made me feel bad for not driving further.

The best part about waiting was definitely people-watching. If you ever want an inside look at the feminine mystique, try out for "ANTM." One girl walked by, eating a king-size Mr. Goodbar, and I swear, some girls were shooting daggers with their eyes. Others pretended to be nice, failing to mention the girl they were chatting with had lipstick on her teeth. The girl next to me, No. 137, asked seriously "Do I dare mix?" when referring to her swimsuit tops and bottoms.

It was reassuring to see the friendliness, and at the same time, unnerving to see the cattiness. One hopeful, "Purple" as we called her, was the object of everyone's disaffection. She had been in line since 6 a.m., decked out in a shiny purple dress. Her platinum-blonde ringlets framed her face, which was unfortunately suffering from a bad self-tanning experiment. It wasn't her looks that drove us up the wall though; it was how she continuously walked past all the girls, sticking her tongue out, flashing peace signs and shrieking praises about tryouts. After she passed, the comments would start flying.

"Her dress is too tight!"

"Her makeup is so ugly!"

"That girl needs to just, like, go away!"

It made me sad this is what girls have come to. Rather than just trying to be confident, we find it easier to hate on other girls to boost ourselves.

Finally, it was time for action. The producers took the first 75 in line into a room illuminated by camera lights. We lined up as one producer told us to "become butt buddies!" Our toes had to touch the heels of the girl in front of us. Our number had to be visible on our right side. One by one, we said our name, age, height and weight into a microphone. And that was it. No catchy introductions, no model poses or faces, no sexy runway walks. Just name, age, height and weight. We weren't even allowed to say "My name is ..."

As simple as it sounds, it was incredibly nerve racking. I was shaking as girls said their stats. They were taller, skinnier and had more model-ish names.

Thankfully, I knew I wasn't the only nervous one. One poor girl was visibly trembling as she accidentally told us she was 7 feet, 5 inches -- not 5 feet, 7 inches.

When all 75 of us had rattled off our details, they called five of us. That's a whopping 15 percent. I was not chosen, but the girl right behind me, No. 137, was. I gave her a hug, said my goodbyes to all my other new friends, and went to eat for the first time in hours.

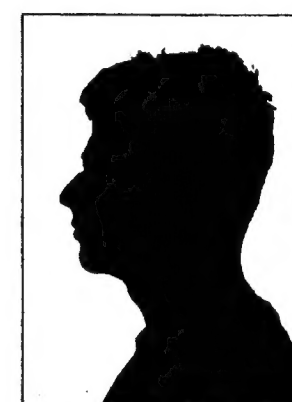
I wouldn't say it was the best experience of my life. No, in reality, it was just a lot of waiting. It did provide for some good people-watching and some good stories. But most of all, it was an insightful look into my gender and just saying I tried out makes me feel a little bit beautiful.

A picture is worth a thousand words...

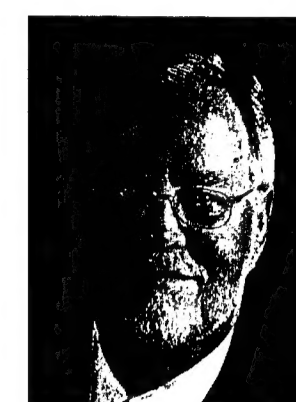
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